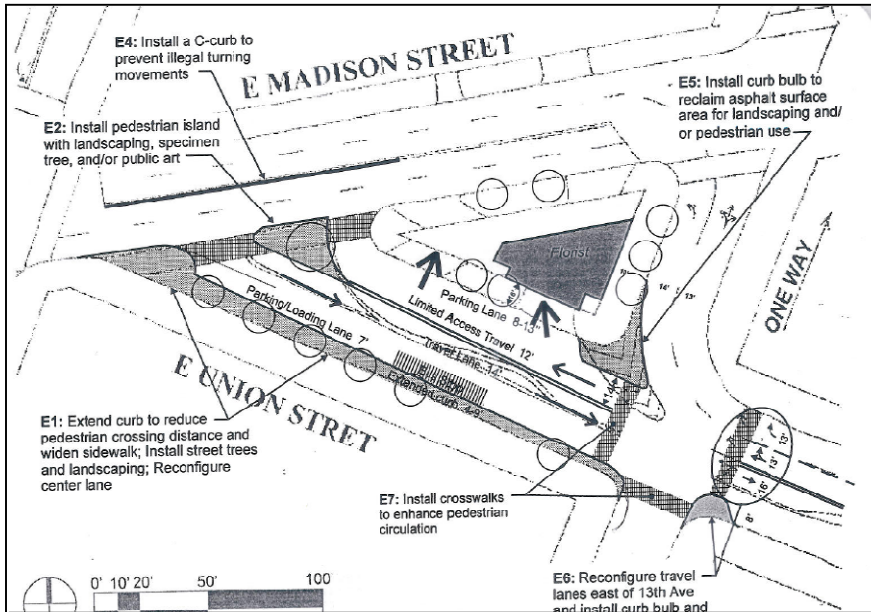
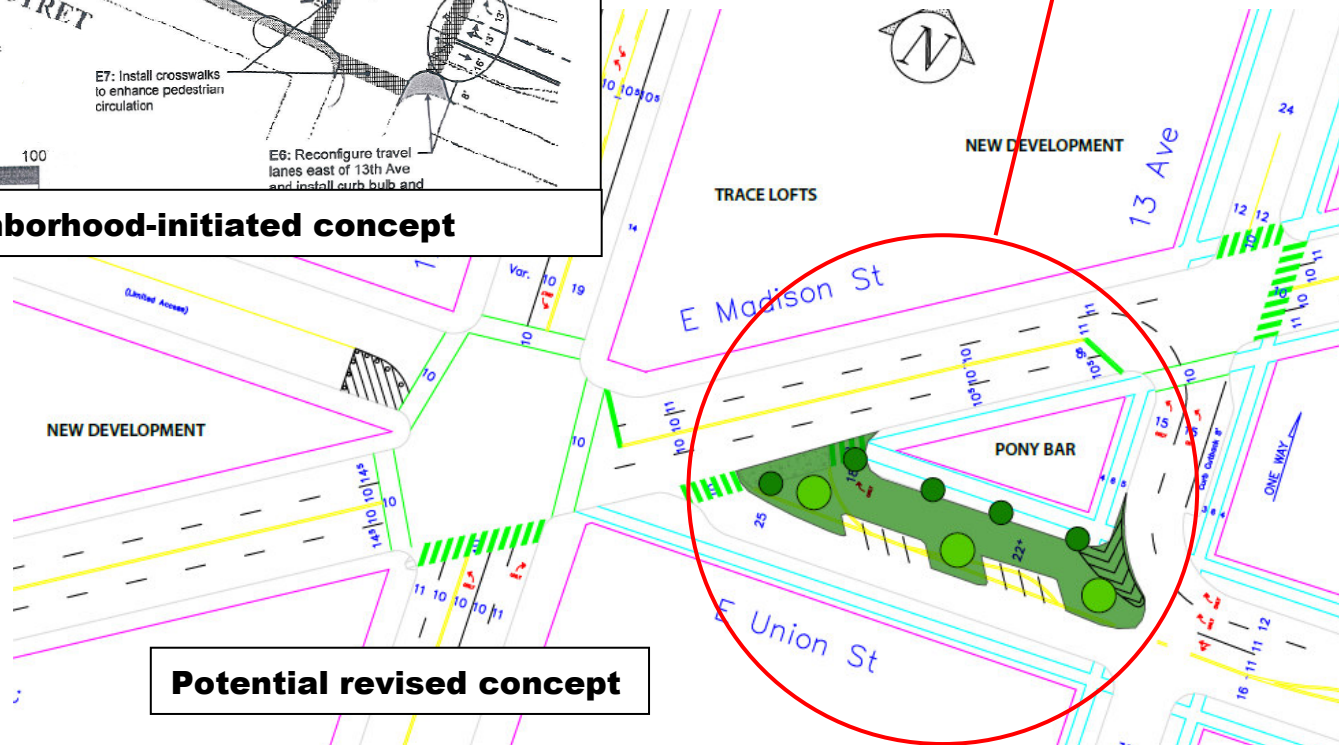




E Union and Madison St – Pedestrian, Traffic Calming, and Landscaping Improvements



Previous neighborhood-initiated concept



Potential revised concept

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Project ID # Central SDOT Project

Type of Improvement: Pedestrian, bicycle, traffic-calming
Neighborhood: Pike-Pine/12th Ave/Central District

Approximate Length: 190'
Street Classification: Minor Arterial

Description of Problem and/or Project: "Reclaim" approximately 3500 sq. ft. of roadway by narrowing Union St and providing wider sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, angled parking, and improved bicycle connections. Reduce pedestrian crossing distances along Madison and 13th St.

Neighborhood planning efforts for Pike/Pine and the Central District have designated the intersection of Union, Madison, and 12th Ave as an important neighborhood gateway location. This six-leg arterial intersection results in long, angled crossings that are particularly uncomfortable for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as turn restrictions that limit the usability of certain roadway segments. At Union between Madison and 13th St, for example, westbound traffic cannot go through the intersection and is forced to turn eastbound (right) back up Madison St. Since westbound traffic is encouraged to use 13th St anyway, vehicles can be prohibited from this segment of Union St and the roadway can be reconfigured for improved pedestrian and bicycle comfort, and new landscaping.

Previous efforts at improving this area were hampered by the need to maintain vehicle access to the small triangular lot bounded by Union, 13th, and Madison. Now that a new business has closed these driveway access points, urban design opportunities for improving this street are greatly enhanced. In addition, several new developments are under construction or in the permitting process immediately adjacent to the area, which will increase pedestrian and bicycle demand in the near future.

Per the Bicycle Master Plan, SDOT has also prioritized improving bicycle connectivity along and across this complicated intersection. Together with a large NSF project, improvements in this area could include wider sidewalks and/or a shared use trail connecting Madison and Union, new pedestrian lighting, significant new landscaping, designated bicycle facilities, angled parking, and new crosswalks. Pedestrian crossing distances would be shortened along Madison St and 13th, while space can be made available for future potential neighborhood gateway or public art projects. The exact scope of the project and priorities would need to be discussed with the community.